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THURSDAY, JAN. 6, 1916.

The pacifists in the House of Representatives will be known as the "Kitchin Cabinet."

Washington is gay with orange blossoms, mistletoe and flowers of rhetoric.—New York Sun.

And the hum of presidential bees.

Representative Whitmell Pugh Martin of Louisiana claims to have created his own party. He calls himself a Progressive Protectionist. But that is merely a synonym for "Republican."

Representative Taylor, Democrat from Colorado, has introduced a bill granting cities and incorporated towns coal lands for municipal purposes. One more Democratic advance toward socialism.

The British government has prohibited the export of logwood from Jamaica to the United States, which is said to be the severest blow to the dye industry in this country since the supply of aniline dyes from Germany was cut off. If, as Congressman Mann says, our foreign policy is dictated in London, how can we retaliate?

"A tax could also be imposed on such products as gasoline, refined and crude oil, horse power of automobiles and other internal combustion engines, and various other things."—Annual Report of Secretary McAdoo.

Tax babies at baptizing
Tax maidens for each dance
Tax the Democratic badge,
The patch upon our pants
Tax each glass eye, each false tooth,
Make every Silas Wegg
Place a ten-cent sticker
On his wooden leg.
Tax our horse, the widow's cow,
The organ-grinder's monkey,
And, not to show partiality,
The Democratic donkey.
Then, if these will not suffice
The treasury to save,
Grab Henry George's single tax
And clap it on each grave.

When the Democratic mutual admiration society met at Baltimore in 1912 they laid this flower on the party platform: "It (the Democratic party) has, among other achievements, revised the rules of the House of Representatives so as to give to the representatives of the American people freedom of speech and of action in advocating, proposing and perfecting remedial legislation." Nevertheless the present Congress finds the Democracy for the third time genuflecting to King Caucus, and pag-rule is again to be resorted to. Fortunately, the Republican victim has increased over 60 per cent in strength and stature since the last Congress, and the attempt to gag him will be beset with difficulties.

In 1908 Wilson wanted Bryan "knocked into a coked hat." In 1916, it is evident, Bryan intends to accomplish that end with Wilson.

At any rate, President Wilson has been right nearly half the time, for he has been on both sides of most all questions before the American people.

As we understand it, Secretary Redfield may not be fired from the Cabinet, but he will be held to "strict accountability." There will also be a period of "watchful waiting."

It is estimated that the 1915 trade balance in favor of the United States will aggregate \$1,750,000,000. This is somewhat different from the monthly balance against us before the outbreak of the war.

Debate on the resolution for the extension of the direct tax law shows that the Democrats realize that they are on the defensive and must explain the record of the party in the administration of national affairs.

France proposed to purchase fifty ships for its merchant fleet, but abandoned the plan as too costly and ineffective, yet there are some alleged statesmen in the United States who propose government purchase of ships.

Congressional Debate on Democratic Tax Law.

Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania—This deficit is blamed on the war in Europe, and the necessity for this so-called tax bill is argued on account of the war in Europe. I say without hesitation, and it will be fully shown when this general subject comes up for discussion, that the very large amount of imported goods coming into the country now and ever since the war in Europe, did they carry a proper duty collected at the custom house, would be largely sufficient to defray the expenses of the federal government. But they are coming in free, the large part of them, comparable in amount, although perhaps differing in detail, with the importations coming in before the war, but bringing no return to the treasury of the United States. These conditions which are blamed on the war in Europe, would, in my opinion, be a thousand times worse were it not for the war in Europe. The war in Europe has been the only cause which has saved the fiscal policy of the party now in power from the most gigantic collapse ever witnessed in a civilized country. I believe if we had not had the war in Europe we would have had the blackest times in the history of the American Republic, compared to which the depression under Cleveland's second administration and under the Wilson-German law would have been insignificant. We would have witnessed poverty and starvation all over the country, bread riots, the army of the United States out to preserve order and universal distress and misery. Instead of the war in Europe being the cause of such a condition, it has been the cause of the alleviation of a condition too dreadful for any lover of his

country to desire to contemplate.

Congressman Fordney of Michigan—The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. Kitchin) said that they, the Democrats, were now moved to do the unpopular but patriotic thing in passing this law. They are forced to pass this law in order to save the treasury of the United States from bankruptcy. It is not due to the war in Europe, that the condition of the treasury of the United States today is chaotic. It is due to your tariff law. If you were to have extended the Republican tariff laws upon the statute books when you came into power, you would collect more money than the treasury of the United States under judicious management would have used during this administration. I say, my friends, that notwithstanding the fact that we have had war in Europe all these months since the 3rd day of August, 1914, the revenues of this government, based upon the ad valorem rates in the Payne tariff law, would have yielded to this country sufficient revenues to pay the running expenses of this government.

Congressman Mann of Illinois—The Democrats are in a majority in the House and in the Senate, and have the presidency. They believe in raising revenue by applying internal tax against the people rather than in imposing additional duties upon imports from abroad, which additional duties might in some way give protection to American industries. They have the right to their belief. They have the power to enact it into law. They passed the present law, which expires on the 31st of this month, somewhat in haste, obtaining votes on the Democratic side of the House by the plea that it was only for a short time, and that while it might contain inconsistencies, while it might contain oppressive features, they would not last long; and having obtained votes on that side of the House by that method, what is now proposed? Well, there is more than one way of skinning a cat. Instead of coming into the House and proposing to extend even this bad law until it could be revised, they propose to extend it over the next presidential election, and then, if they should by accident be successful, they would win they would be glad to leave a deficit in the treasury.

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